



General Meeting

Friday January 21, 2011

7:30pm

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

1035 Carol Lane Lafayette

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Seasons Greetings !

John Primus, AF6RJ, Receives 2010 Kilroy Key Award



John Primus, AF6RJ, holds the 2010 Kilroy Key Award presented by President John Ronan, K3ZJJ, at the annual holiday dinner inside the Fireside Room at the Highlands Country Club, 111 Hiller Drive, Oakland, California, on Friday December 10, 2010. (N4DLA photo).

More holiday dinner photos appear on page 6.

Salvation Army Offers Training Classes for General Class License Beginning January 5, 2011

The General License instructional class starts January 5, 2011 and ends February 23, 2011. Times are 7:00pm to 9:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Instruction will be provided by the SATERN Instructional Team.

This is your opportunity to work on upgrading your license.

The class is free but there is a charge for the manual if you need it, about \$23. This is a complete training session for you to get your General License. We look forward to seeing you there. **Please register at hamradioclass@gmail.com** so we can plan for your attendance and training materials needs. — *KI6DCD*

Amateur Radio Publications Now on Sale at Monthly Club Meetings

At each monthly meeting, a table of amateur radio publications chosen to meet the interests of its members from the newest licensee to the most seasoned operator. The available publications cover a broad range of interests including ARRL emergency communication publications, repeater directories, license class manuals and the ARRL *Handbook*.

Our club has negotiated prices for these publications to save members money. Purchases of the publications may be made with cash or check. Plan to stop by the table of publications on display at the next club meeting.

HELP WANTED

The **Education and Training Committee** is seeking club members that are interested in joining the MDARC/SATERN team of volunteer amateur radio instructors for in-class Technician and General License Course teaching opportunities. We also seek club members that are interested in joining Glen, NO6W's "Elmer" table to help our lesser experienced club members with their amateur radio questions. The club also seeks volunteers to help with Amateur Radio Publications sales at the regular monthly club meetings. Please contact John Primus, AF6RJ, at af6rj@arrl.net for further information.

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mdarc>

MDARC Club Meeting minutes

November 19, 2010

Presided over by John Ronan, K3ZJJ
President

Recorded by Richard Fletcher, AF9RF
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

There was an expression of gratitude for Mike, K6MDS, for his efforts providing live ATV at Pacificon and giving this evening's presentation.

President John thanked all the volunteers for making Pacificon a success. The net profit for the club was announced at approximately \$6000.

A discussion followed about Pacificon 2011, to be held at the Santa Clara Marriott.

The general membership showed their thanks with applause to President John for his taking over the chairmanship of Pacificon when Marty became ill.

There was a brief discussion about the club xmas party that is to be held on December 10th at the Highland Country Club in Oakland.

Thanks went out for the member's donation of turkeys to the Salvation Army. John Primus also praised the volunteer instructors who gave the ham classes there and noted the evening's test session results. There were 9 technician and 2 general tests taken and passed. He then asked for more volunteer instructors both male and female.

President John announced and gave thanks to Tom Kramer, WA6NYP, for assuming the responsibility for Emergency Coordination. Tom then gave a briefing about RACES and ARES current activities and need for more personnel.

It was announced that the annual auction will be moved to the month of March in 2011.

A member stood and spoke about the International Space Station and said that there is much amateur radio activity there and how easy it is to work it.

After the break Mike, K6MDS gave his presentation about Amateur TeleVison. from the basics to most complex aspects of that hobby.

A raffle was conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Richard W Fletcher, AF9RF
Secretary

MDARC MEETING MINUTES, BOARD 12-6-2010

Presiding Officer –John Ronan, K3ZJJ

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Attendees -

Ron Luttringer
The Hinkleys
Paula Costa

Ray Gaschk
John Primus

Trevor Hall
Jim Siemons

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM

President John covered his attendance the ARRL Pacific Division annual conference. He told how Pacificon got rave reviews from the attendees. He also reported that they all were highly anticipating next year's convention.

John Primus spoke about being contacted by the county Sheriff saying that he would like help from us educating his emergency personnel with the intent of getting their ham licenses. The Sheriff said he was doing this because there is a recent increase in the department's workload that keeps his personnel from conducting the classes. John reviewed his plan to accomplish this goal. There were questions from the group about being paid to conduct amateur radio duties. President John noted that there should be contact about this subject between amateur radio clubs. Ron, K6XC praised John Primus for his general efforts in this regard.

Jim, AF6PU announced that emcomm training class EC-001 will be given soon.

President John covered the necessity to transfer the Club and Pacificon bank accounts to the appropriate parties. The transfers that need to be accomplished were explained as indicated below.

Mt Diablo Amateur Radio Club MDARC = exact account entity name

Main Acct: Checking suffix #9750 Balance \$10,056.29

Investment CD Acct: #5288 Balance \$10,935.95

7 month Featured CD Acct: #7576 Balance \$5,414.47

Investment CD Acct: 8 mo Promo CD #5996 Balance \$10,809.56

Owner on the account is currently Jason Legate / we need to remove him / and assign ownership to John Ronan President

Additional signers currently: John Ronan , Douglas Hinckley.

Remove Douglas Hinckley / add Ray Gaschk as Treasurer

Add Dale McIntire to account as VP

MDARC Pacificon = exact account entity name

Checking suffix #9760

current Owner = Marty Heyman / need to remove him and assign ownership to John Ronan

additional signers currently : Douglas Hinckley & Rebecca Hinckley - remain unchanged

The above listed changes were read and explained to the Board members. A motion was made to execute these changes. It was seconded and approved.

Note: The following statement is being made to reaffirm that these statements are a true and accurate representation of what occurred at this Board meeting.

I do solemnly swear that the above actions occurred at the place and time indicated in this document.

Richard W Fletcher, AF9RF

Secretary

The yearly awards were discussed and it was decided that a group consisting of Paula Costa, chair, Ron Luttringer and Jim Siemons would choose this year's designee for the Kilroy Key award and that President John would forward his recommendation for Ham of the Year. Special recognition awards would go to Tom Deeble and Chuck Graham.

The Christmas party was discussed. Subjects covered were Santa and his group, handouts and music. Decorations for the party also came up with the result of there being a motion to provide \$600 for decorations and miscellaneous.

It was decided to have a Xmas party committee next year.

Trevor Hall briefed everyone about the forthcoming changes on the tower at Mt Diablo. There is a new TV station's antenna being installed that will require moving various antennae there. More to follow. Trevor further stated that he did an extensive job of 'cleaning up' the auto-patch data files. (Minutes continue on page 5)

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The subject of the upcoming sales tax increase in Concord was brought up. President John will take the matter up with our accountant.

Rebecca Hinkley reported that CDs were coming due in the amount of approximately \$10,000. It was decided to roll them over.

President John stated that he would like to review Pacificon revenues with an eye to increasing them.

Ron, K6XC stated the need for a financial committee next year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Fletcher, AF9RF

Secretary

MDARC MEETING MINUTES, BOARD

11-1-2010

Presiding Officer –John Ronan, K3ZJJ

Recorded by Richard Fletcher, AF9RF

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM

Attendees -	VP Dale McIntire	Tom Kramer	Marvin Miller
	The Hinkleys	John Primus	Jim Siemons

President John announced that Marty Heyman, our EC, is very ill and we need an acting EC. It was suggested that Tom Kramer, WA6NYP, be appointed to that post. There were not enough members present to vote on this matter but all present agreed. Tom accepted and the formalities will be attended to later.

Tom then gave a presentation of recent RACES activities in our county and concluded with future plans and requirements.

A discussion was held about ARES and its current activities locally and in other counties.

A review of the September SET, held at the county fire academy, and other EMCOMM activities followed.

Rebecca Hinkley presented a summary of the Pacificon financial statistics. She further spoke about Pacificon management including ticket sales and other aspects. A lengthy discussion followed.

Secretary's note: The Pacificon financial summary will be published in the next meeting's minutes.

The upcoming Christmas party was discussed and it was noted that there would be kid's activities this year and possibly Christmas music. The start time will be 7 PM on Friday December 10th. The cost will be \$39 per adult and less for children 12 and under. Details will be announced at the upcoming general meeting.

Marvin Miller described changes in the club's website which will include paying ones dues and applying for a new membership online.

A general discussion about the Christmas party ensued and lasted until adjournment which occurred at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Richard Fletcher, AF9RF

Secretary

2010 Holiday Dinner



Membership Secretary Tom Deeble, KA6SIP, with Recognition Award presented by President John Ronan, K3ZJJ.



KD6CNS and his wife KI6TWH represented Santa Claus and his helper.



Chuck Graham, KI6DCD, with Recognition Award presented by President John Ronan, K3ZJJ.



ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG (standing).



Vice President Dale McIntire, AD6HD, presents the 2010 Ham of the Year Award to President John Ronan, K3ZJJ.



Secretary Richard Fletcher, AF9RF, digs into the mashed potatoes in the buffet line.

All photos taken by N4DLA in the Fireside Room at the Highlands Country Club, 111 Hiller Drive, Oakland, California, December 10, 2010

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W6CX Nets

Monday 7:00 pm Washington High School Net 147.060+

Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+

Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 8:00 pm General ATV Net 1241.250+

Tuesday 7:30pm Fat City 10 meter SSB/CW Net 28.420 MHz

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224.780 MHz - / PL 77Hz 441.325 MHz + / PL 100Hz

ATV Input: 1289.25 MHz AM/FM. Outputs 1241.25 MHz AM 919.25 MHz AM

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Every Thursday, 7:00 pm

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East County 146.535 Simplex

South County 146.355/+ (100 PL)

West County 145.110/- (107.3 PL)

HF Net 8pm First Thursday of each month 3.890 MHz LSB

January 2011 Club Calendar

Saturday January 8, 2011	9:00 am	MDARC Technical Committee <i>Environmental Center, 2581 Harbor Street, Pittsburg</i>
Monday January 10, 2011	7:00 pm	MDARC Board Meeting <i>Buttercup Bar & Grill 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek</i>
Friday January 21, 2011	7:30 pm	MDARC General Meeting <i>Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette</i>